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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CALIFORNIA BRANCH OF
THE AMERICAN FOLK-LORE SOCIETY.

COUNCIL MEETING.

A meeting of the Council of the California Branch of the American Folk-Lore Society was held in the Unitarian Church, Berkeley, Thursday, December 7, 1905, at 7.45 P. M. On motion the following persons were approved for membership: Mrs. M. S. Biven, Oakland; Miss G. E. Barnard, Oakland.

A. L. KROEBER, *Secretary.*

FOURTH MEETING.

The fourth meeting of the California Branch of the American Folk-Lore Society was held in Room 22, South Hall, University of California, Berkeley, Tuesday, November 14, 1905, at 8 P. M. Mr. Charles Keeler presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following persons approved by the Council were elected to membership in the Society, the secretary being instructed to cast the vote of the Society for them: Mr. R. F. Herrick, Mrs. S. C. Bigelow, San Francisco, Mrs. Zelia Nuttall, Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Maurer, Berkeley.

The President spoke briefly on the aims of the Society, reviewed its history, and announced coming meetings.

Professor John Fryer then delivered a lecture, illustrated with specially prepared lantern slides, on "Fox Myths in Chinese Folk-Lore." Professor Fryer briefly discussed Chinese folk-lore in general, its hold on the mind of the people, the important place occupied by superstitions regarding the fox, and recounted a number of interesting and suggestive fox tales.

Two hundred persons attended the meeting.

A. L. KROEBER, *Secretary.*

FIFTH MEETING.

The fifth meeting of the California Branch of the American Folk-Lore Society was held in the Unitarian Church, Berkeley, Thursday, December 7, 1905, at 8 P. M. Professor John Fryer presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following persons approved by the Council were elected to membership in the Society, the secretary being instructed to cast the vote of the Society for them: Mrs. M. S. Biven, Oakland, Miss G. E. Barnard, Oakland.

Professor Wm. F. Bade delivered a lecture on "Hebrew Folk-

Lore," based primarily on folk-lore elements in the Book of Genesis.

At the conclusion of the lecture a vote of thanks was tendered Professor Bade, as also to the trustees of the Unitarian Church.

One hundred and fifty persons attended the meeting.

A. L. KROEBER, *Secretary*.

COUNCIL MEETING.

A meeting of the Council of the California Branch of the American Folk-Lore Society was held in the Unitarian Church, Berkeley, Tuesday, February 13, 1906, at 7.45 P. M. On motion the following persons were approved for membership: Mr. F. Rossi, San Francisco; Professor O. M. Johnston, Stanford University.

A. L. KROEBER, *Secretary*.

SIXTH MEETING.

The sixth meeting of the California Branch of the American Folk-Lore Society was held in the Unitarian Church, Berkeley, Tuesday, February 13, 1906, at 8 P. M. Mr. Charles Keeler presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following persons approved by the Council were elected to membership in the Society, the secretary being instructed to cast the vote of the Society for them: Mr. F. Rossi, San Francisco; Professor O. M. Johnston, Stanford University.

Dr. William Popper delivered a lecture on "Superstitions of the Arabs," based on his researches and personal experiences among the Arabic-speaking peoples of the Orient.

A vote of thanks was tendered the trustees of the Unitarian Society for the privilege of using the church.

One hundred and thirty-five persons attended the meeting.

A. L. KROEBER, *Secretary*.

BERKELEY FOLK-LORE CLUB.

The second regular meeting of the Club during 1905 was held in the Faculty Club of the University of California, Tuesday evening, November 28. President Lange called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following new members were elected: Professor H. F. Overstreet, Mr. A. H. Allen, and Professor W. F. Bade.

Professor F. B. Dresslar read a paper on "Some Studies in Superstition," based on superstitions known to and in part credited by advanced school students on the Pacific coast. Special attention was paid to the degree of credence given to superstitions. Particular attention was also given by the speaker to the subject of mental

preference for odd numbers. At its conclusion Professor Dresslar's paper was discussed by the members.

A. L. KROEBER, *Secretary*.

The third regular meeting of the Berkeley Folk-Lore Club during 1905-06 was held in the Faculty Club of the University of California on Wednesday evening, January 31. President A. F. Lange presided, Professor W. F. Bade acting as secretary *pro tem*. Dr. W. Popper and Dr. A. W. Ryder were proposed for membership in the Club and unanimously elected. Professor G. R. Noyes presented the paper of the evening on "Servian Heroic Ballads." Mr. Niko-litzsch, who was present as the guest of the Club, read one of the ballads in the original. The paper was discussed at length by the members.

A. L. KROEBER, *Secretary*.